

SITUATION REPORT NO. 12

INCIDENT NO. 2002-007

DATE: February 4, 2002

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck, N.D. 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Train Derailment – A large anhydrous ammonia plume enveloped significant portions of the Minot area when a 112-car train derailed on Friday, January 18.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: There was one fatality and 1,398 people have sought treatment.
3. DAMAGES: No change from previous reports.
4. RESOURCES:
LOCAL: No change from previous reports.
STATE: No change from previous reports.
FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: The Salvation Army has been providing meals and staffing assistance for workers in the Ward County Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: On January 31, the Canadian Pacific Railway (CP Rail) Engineer, along with personnel from the N.D. Department of Health (NDDoH) and the First District Health Unit, met with evacuated residents from Tierricita Vallejo to discuss health issues and environmental testing. Residents also received a progress report concerning clean up at the derailment site. A question and answer session followed the presentations.

On February 3, residents of Tierricita Vallejo were able to visit their homes for two hours. Their permanent return is not expected before February 11, and is contingent upon ongoing assessment of air, soil, water, and snow contamination levels.

The Ward County Emergency Manager reported that, as of February 4, CP Rail scheduled 152 home air quality assessments.

Estimates indicate that a total of 21,000 tons of soil has been removed since work began.

Ten wells, throughout the city of Minot, are being monitored by the NDDoH for possible contamination.

The Emergency Operations Center, located in the Minot Municipal Auditorium, remains open from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., daily.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from the previous reports.
9. OTHER: Appropriate state and local emergency operations plans have been implemented.

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